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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC KVP at the Weisswasser Troop Training GroundsEVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1DATE OF CO [REDACTED] 25X1DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 23 July 1953REFERENCES [REDACTED]PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]REMARKS [REDACTED]

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. In the afternoon on 7 July 1953, about 250 KVPs wearing red-bordered epaulets and black collar patches who were armed with submachine guns and carried baggage arrived from the direction of Cottbus at the Weisswasser railroad station. At 4 p.m. they were trucked away [REDACTED]

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2. On 9 July 1953, Camp Nochten was occupied by about 1,500 men who, for the most part, came from Halle while the others came from Loebau. Colonel Paul Baum, who wore green-bordered epaulets and green collar patches and lived in a private house in Nochten, was camp commander. The units from Halle were under the command of Major Hasso Hell who wore red-bordered epaulets and black collar patches. [REDACTED]

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3. Billeting equipment stored at the Weisswasser ration supply depot was reshipped to Camp Nochten during the period of observation. The troops were seen engaged in guard duty and construction work at the camp and the training grounds. ²

4. Motor vehicles seen in Weisswasser from 4 to 7 July included:

TrucksJeepsAmbulance

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5. At 2 a.m. on 6 July, 4 T-34 tanks passed through Weisswasser toward Spremberg. ³

[REDACTED] KVP units moved from Chemnitz, Leipzig and Zittau to the coast of the Baltic Sea from 17 to 20 June. ⁴

1. Comment. The increasing occupation of the Weisswasser troop training grounds continued. [REDACTED] As prior to the uprising, the troops are composed of units [REDACTED] which came from Loebau, Zittau, Halle and Leipzig. Colonel Paul Baum, the commanding officer at the camp, wears the service color of the KVP rear services.

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2. Comment. When the troops departed for employment against the riots in mid-June 1953, the billeting equipment had temporarily been stored at the ration supply depot.
3. Comment. The tanks observed probably returned from a practice to Spremberg where the tank regiment is stationed. 25X1
4. Comment. The information is probably based on rumors. The units probably moved to Berlin to employed against the rebellion.

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